

# AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS INSTEAD OF TRIPS

J. S. Department of Agriculture Recommends the Former as the More Valuable Prize for Youthful Members of the Agricultural Clubs.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The Department of Agriculture recommends that in place of a trip to Washington the young prize-winners of the corn, canning and poultry and other agricultural clubs be given a year's course in practical training at some agricultural college. In case the young champion's academic training would not enable him to enter the agricultural college of this State, a more elementary course in a school where agriculture is taught or a course in an agricultural high school are recommended.

The department considers that such courses have considerably more lasting value for prize-winners and for the agriculture of their sections than flying trips to the Capital. The State and local organizations which have been paying for these trips have been sincerely interested in developing a true appreciation of farming as a business among the boy and girl farmers. Some of these have already considered this question and have decided on the agricultural course as the more desirable prize.

One of the first persons to raise the question as to whether the practical training of the more spectacular trip was preferable was Willie P. Brown, an Arkansas corn club prize-winner. Given his choice of all the prizes offered by the State, in including the trip to Washington, he selected a scholarship giving him a year's tuition in an agricultural school. This gave impetus to the idea in Arkansas, and now the biggest annual prize offered the corn club boys is a scholarship given by the Bankers' Association. The same association gives a similar scholarship to the girl champion of the canning clubs.

Other suggestions regarding prizes have been made from time to time by those who have been most interested in these clubs and understand the needs of the boy and girl farmers. Some of these suggestions are offered herewith for the consideration of others who might care to profit by them.

## Two Weeks' Courses for County Prizes.

While a year's course with all expenses paid is the suggestion of the department for the biggest prize for State winners, less extensive courses

might be offered to county winners. It has been suggested that such counties as care to give prizes, give one or more short courses in the State Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to the fortunate county champions. These courses are usually only two weeks long, and are held in winter or in summer. The training given is of the most practical sort, and the amount of time spent is no gauge of the amount of benefit to be obtained. These short courses have already been given as prizes by certain counties, and have proved most valuable to the young people.

## Large Cash Prizes Not Encouraged.

Large cash prizes are not to be encouraged, according to those who have worked with the young contestants. Better suggestions are as follows:

- A pair of registered pigs.
- A pair of full-blooded chickens.
- A fine colt.
- A registered calf.
- An up-to-date corn planter.
- A two-horse wagon.
- A gold watch.
- Books on agriculture.
- A double-barreled shot gun.
- A first-class bicycle.
- A ton of good fertilizer.
- A \$5 hat.
- A fireless cooker (for girl winners).

## More Prizes Make More Contestants.

In general it is better to offer many small prizes than a few large ones. If twenty boys try for a prize and only one is fortunate, some of the nineteen unsuccessful contestants will probably be too discouraged to try again. But if five of the boys are rewarded for their efforts, more merit will have received recognition and the remaining fifteen will see more possible opportunities of success the following year.

Some Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce have also recognized the efforts of the clubs by giving banquets for the young people and entertaining them with street car and automobile rides. On other occasions clubs have been honored by an invitation to march in parades, where they have attracted deserved attention.

## A Trip to the State Fair.

From Memphis, Tenn., comes an interesting story which is a sample of what has been done in other States for young prize-winners. In the three States, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi, which are annually represented at the Memphis Tri-State Fair, it was decided to send certain boy prize-winners to the fair as a reward for their excellence.

A trip to a fair is a more or less spectacular event as is the Washing-

ton trip, but it gives the young farmers certain concrete agricultural experience, which they do not receive from excursions to the sights of Washington. At the fair in question the young men were housed on the fair grounds in tents, two to four in each tent, all in charge of men employed by the State or government to look after their interests.

The young men had a regular program which kept them busy most of the week of their stay. One day an expert took the young men to view the improved farm implements on display. The boys were shown the machinery, and its uses were explained. Another day a seed expert showed the boys the exhibits of seeds and gave them practical advice on seed selection. The boys were taken in the same manner to view the beef cattle and other live stock. They were taught to pass judgment on the good qualities of the animals. They were schooled in the method of judging the best pigs. Informal lectures were given at the camp on these various subjects. The young men took back much valuable knowledge with them besides having a good time.

## HOTEL BRYAN ARRIVALS

J. S. Sever, Houston.  
Charles Hawkins, Georgia.  
James Hopkins, Dallas.  
C. W. Lemm, Brenham.  
C. C. Terry, St. Louis.  
W. O. Alvis, St. Louis.  
B. W. Joseph, Chicago.  
H. A. de Prez, St. Louis.  
G. F. Renking, Owensboro, Ky.  
H. E. Edwards, Dallas.  
Sam Smith, Dallas.  
M. L. Richards, Dallas.  
Cliss Sking, Tremont, Ohio.  
F. G. Proudfoot, Chicago.  
L. L. Gouin, Waco.  
Sam Henry, Waco.  
W. L. Griffin, St. Louis.  
E. H. Brauner, San Antonio.  
John Hitt, Houston.  
E. Wilson, Mart.  
D. H. B. Todd, Amarillo.  
B. O. McLean, Houston.  
M. K. Griffin, Waco.  
W. W. Beedenkopf, New York.  
R. R. Fairly, Dallas.  
H. T. Barnes, Dallas.  
J. C. Robertson, Dallas.  
J. K. Bloodworth, Waco.  
Will H. Mayes, Brownwood.  
A. A. Beek, Oklahoma.  
J. C. Motter, Dallas.

## NEW YORK DAY BY DAY. By CHARLES HENRY ADAMS.

**Irish Players Favor Our Authors.**  
Poet Yeates says "Reaction from the 'Sugar Candy' drama has produced the vice play." Mr. Yeates, who founded the Irish National Theatre, which has sent us the inimitable Irish players, believes art should be left as free as science, but that "direct preaching in plays must be avoided; that dramatists should write about the slums and cast plays with slum actors; the tired business man type of show positively must go, as should the eternal triangle on the stage. The moral uplift play is no good. The heroes are apt to be whiter than anything this side of heaven, and the villain correspondingly black." This artist-author-poet-playwright predicts that the great drama of the future will come from this country and not England, where a few stale themes are in control.

**Long Distance Wireless Phone \$100.**  
"Hello, dearest! How are you? I'm all right—the trip was rather rough and mighty cold, but everything is going well. We're off City Island now, so I'll be with you pretty soon. Please have dinner about 7. Meantime take these kisses." All that out of thin air, when you know your husband is on board ship many miles away, yet you are positive you can recognize his voice. Wouldn't that startle you? It does not alarm Mrs. Vermilya, wife of Irving Vermilya of Mount Vernon, though, for her husband, who is wireless operator on the steamship Northland, has invented a system of wireless telephony. His method of sending the human voice and other sounds through the air, without wires, is his own secret. "I can build my apparatus for \$100," said Vermilya, "while those of other wireless telephone systems cost thousands." He has an apparatus on the roof of his home at Mount Vernon, N. Y., and delights his wife by speaking to her, though many miles away.

The Republican Club of Illinois, which is William Lorimer's organization, has obtained a loan of \$10,000 from the Chicago Title & Trust Company. The club's lease of the top floor of the City Hall Square building, with its furniture, is the security for the bank.

## NOTES OF BASEBALL PLAYERS.

Marlin, Tex., March 11.—John J. McGraw is expected here today to take charge of the spring training of the Giants, who have done their spring work so far under the capable management of Scout Kinsella.

Baltimore, Md., March 11.—The Baltimore Federal League baseball club will leave here today for Southern Pines, N. C., for spring training. Manager Knabe expects his squad to number about twenty-five.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 11.—The Chicago Americans will play exhibition games here today and tomorrow with the St. Joseph team.

There is always this hope for a mollycoddle good boy: He is apt to run across some tough kid who will take it out of him.

## ECLIPSE OF MOON.

New York, March 11.—A partial eclipse of the moon occurs tonight, extending past the midnight hour, the total period of about three hours affording ample time for its observance. It will be visible throughout North and South America. This eclipse will take place at the moon's descending node, the moon passing from west to east through the southern part of the world's shadow, leaving only a small portion of her face uneclipsed.

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